

COL. GREEN ACCUSED IN TEXAS CONTEST

Creager Says New Yorker Has
Bought Negro Votes to Get
Control of State.

LILY WHITES ARE SEATED

Lowden Gets 77, Wood 28,
Johnson 7 and Harding 6 of
118 Disputed Votes.

By a Staff Correspondent of THE SUN AND
NEW YORK HERALD.

CHICAGO, June 5.—Eighteen delegates from districts in Texas were seated late this afternoon by the Republican National Committee. All are lily white and are headed by Col. MacGregor of Brownsville, Texas, who led the MacGregor fight, openly charged that Col. E. H. R. Green, son of Hettie Green, was buying up negro votes in his race to the honor of being the Republican National Committee man from Texas.

"Gentlemen of the committee, Col. Green is worth \$125,000, and he is spending money right and left among the negroes in an effort to dominate the Republican party of Texas," said Mr. Creager.

"We of the so-called lily white faction of the Texas G. O. P. cannot Mr. Green long ago. Now he has gone over to the negro faction and with his tremendous wealth he is trying to buy his way to the top. He pays his poll taxes and his income tax in Texas, but he lives in New York. His first lieutenant, 'Goose Neck' MacDonald, a negro, is the president of a time loan bank in Port Worth, Tex., and 99 per cent. of the bank's business is with negroes."

Lowden men on the committee joined the Wood adherents in unanimously seating D. C. Cole of Marietta, the Wood delegate from the Seventh Georgia district. They threw out P. J. Dyer of Adamsville, a member of Henry L. Johnson's Lowden delegation, which received the committee's O. K. the previous day.

After making this sacrifice to the plan against the so-called delegate "sealing," the committee seated the Lowden delegates from the Eighth and Tenth Georgia districts. The men seated were W. H. Harris of Athens and Robert C. Williams of Augusta. The Wood men thrown out were J. Thomas Heard of Athens and J. W. Lyons of Augusta.

The committee then referred the Wood-Lowden contest in the Ninth Georgia district, involving two votes, to a subcommittee for further investigation. Bowser Pickett, Republican State chairman of Georgia, is on the Wood delegation from this district, and the committee has been jockeying for three days on the question of putting him under the steam roller with the rest of the Wood delegates.

The Georgia affair was not settled, however, without a fight. Charges that forced affidavits had been presented in support of Lowden delegates from the Southern States were hurled about. Walter Akerman, son of the Akerman who was Attorney-General under Gen. Grant, definitely accused Henry Lincoln Johnson, the \$30,000 Lowden "Georgia peach," with having presented forged affidavits in support of Capt. P. J. Dyer's claim to Cole's seat.

Johnson leaped to his feet, shouting "It's false," and accusing Akerman of "playing to the gallery."

The four Virginia delegates at large officially reported, led by Representative C. B. Sloop of Big Stone Gap. Lowden delegates were seated, the negro contestants, headed by J. M. Parsons of Independence, being rejected.

As the National Committee reached the windup of contents to-night, the apportionment of 118 of the 137 votes in dispute seemed to stand as follows: Lowden, 77; Wood, 28; Johnson, 7; Harding, 6.

Of the remaining nineteen votes seventeen comprising the delegation from North Carolina were awaiting the instructions of the Presidential preference primary held in that State to-day. The other two delegates, Goldstein and Moore of Missouri, were thrown out by the committee in connection with the Lowden check charges.

FIGHT IS BREWING ON PRIMARY LAWS

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my attention in which a delegate instructed for me seems seriously to have proposed that," he said, "and I don't believe even in that case he will do it. No man of honor could betray his people in such fashion. It would be utterly demoralizing. Do you imagine that Senator Watson (Ind.) will violate the instructions his State has given him? The Senator is a devoted advocate of Senator Harding's nomination, but he is here as a delegate at large instructed by his State for Gen. Wood, and he will obey instructions, as every other man of honor will do."

Senator Johnson did not think it necessary to require all States to hold their primaries on the same day.

Southern Situation Dangerous.

Major-Gen. Wood declared in favor of further reform of the Southern delegate apportionment, though he did not state in detail. He has heretofore declared for a national primary with all States voting on the same day. The present Southern situation he regarded as dangerous to the Republican party, and requiring correction. He hoped a plan would be devised to this end.

It is known that some members of the Republican National Committee are working on such a plan, and a conference has been held with a view to submitting to the convention, when the committee on rules reports, a new rule which would reduce the size of future delegations from the Southern States. It is said that the proposed new rule would lop off about ninety delegates from eleven Southern States.

Would Affect Eleven States.

This would reduce to eighty-four the number of delegates from the eleven States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas and Tennessee.

Members of the National Committee say they believe this rule will be adopted. They regard the present Southern situation as a real menace to the party, and say that the small measure of reform adopted four years ago was by no means sufficient. Under the old rule, which applied down to and including the 1912 convention, the eleven States named would have been entitled to 254 delegates. That gave two delegates for every Senator and two for every Representative in Congress to which the State was entitled. Then the rule was adopted in its present form, giving every State four at large, one for every district, and an additional one for each district that cast 7,500 Republican votes. The working of the three rules is indicated by the following table, which shows the number of delegates for each State under each of the three rules:

This would leave the eleven States with half their present delegate strength and one-third the strength they wielded in

1912. When the present rule was adopted following the Southern delegate scandals of 1912 it was intended frankly as an experiment and an admission. Having had a tryout under the present rule, the Southern wing of the party, instead of reforming, has once more come to the National Convention with a series of contests that once more smelt of heaven, and patience has become about exhausted.

TWELVE BALLOTS TO PRECEDE CHOICE

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final candidates about as much as the New York or New England delegates are. Everybody who has any pretensions claims everybody not pledged, and the best bet is that somebody is going to arise in this convention and tell the delegates that Mr. So and So is the man who should be President, and tell them so forcibly that they are going to believe him. And it is an equally safe bet that this Mr. So and So is not seriously considered now.

The Wood campaign, which seems to have suffered from a general disregard of discipline, has not yet recovered from the setback the Moses statement of last night seems to have handed it. The General and strongest of his supporters spent the day repudiating the Moses

statement. Henry B. McCoy of Manila, who represents Republicans of the Philippines on the National Committee; V. L. Highland of West Virginia, Joseph McGraw of Oklahoma and Fred Stanley of Kansas added repudiations of the Moses statement. Senator Moses said absolutely nothing in rebuttal.

The General declared that he was making no combinations with anybody, was playing the game with all his cards face up, referred all questions concerning the course of his candidacy in the convention to Mr. Proctor, and then said that he was about to retire to a nearby invisible point, which investigation developed to be Fort Sheridan. The General will go there Tuesday morning.

Gov. Lowden says that he is going to Springfield, where a private telephone line will keep him in touch with affairs.

Senator Johnson says he is going to stay right here and will not go away unless he is carried away.

"I cannot say much about the situation," said Mr. Depue, "because I have not been here long enough to get the real news. This is my thirteenth convention, you know."

He was asked whether he believed that the Senate investigation had injured the chances of the Republican party.

What Inquiry Has Shown.

"Injure the party or its chances?" he cried. "Bless you, no. The investigation has merely shown the country the folly of State Presidential primaries. A man of moderate means cannot compete in such primaries without having been presented to the people, and that costs money. I think he shall get back to a better system. I believe thoroughly in the convention system. I suggest, for

instance, conventions in every Congress district in the country on the same day, there to nominate candidates to State conventions, where the State's choice for President will be named. That would give the man of moderate or modest means a chance at the great office."

Fully 10,000 men, women and boys assailed the Conway Building to-day in hope of getting tickets to some session of the convention. They were orderly enough and the police had nothing to do except keep them in line. Only the very few who had letters granting them seats were rewarded for their long wait. Many and varied were the pleas made. Some said they had always voted the Republican ticket, as had their fathers and grandfathers. "These faithful adherents were congratulated, but as firmly refused, as were those who had no excuse other than desire."

The rest of the delegates are expected here to-morrow. By Monday morning the crowd will have reached its flood. Just where they are going to live is one of Chicago's mysteries, because the expected crowd has been exceeded by thousands.

LA GUARDIA ON WAY WEST DONS 'CHOKER'

Discards O. D. to Look Like Gentleman.

By a Staff Correspondent of THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD.

(ON BOARD THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION SPECIAL TRAIN, EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO.)

STRAUSE, June 5.—Florentino La Guardia, President of the New York Board of

Aldermen, started everybody on the train carrying the State delegation to Chicago by appearing with a white stiff collar in addition to other attire. This abrupt departure from the olive drab dannel army shirt and attached collar which Mr. La Guardia has been wearing

in his home town baffled all spectators until your correspondent sought an explanation.

"This morning," the Aldermanic President said, "my good wife told me: 'Florentino, on the trip to Chicago you must look like a gentleman. They don't know you in Chicago as well as they do

in New York.' So to please my wife I am trying to look like a gentleman." "And you will go back to the O. D. as soon as you return to New York?" "Absolutely," he promised.

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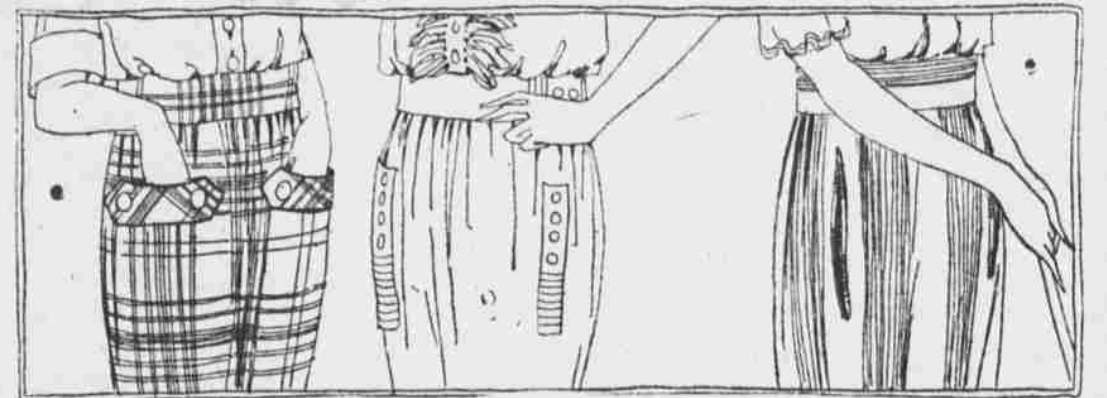
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